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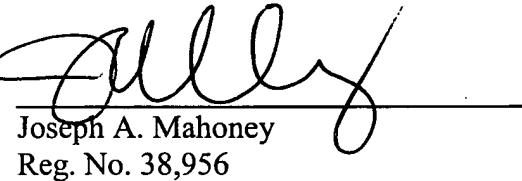
Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the following for the above-captioned application:

1. Amendment and Response to Office Action of August 25, 2004;
2. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR. 1.136(a);
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 25, 2004

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004. Further examination of the application is respectfully requested after entry of the amendments proposed herein. A petition for a three-month extension of time is enclosed. Therefore, this response is timely filed on or before February 25, 2004. If any fee is deemed payable, please charge such a fee to Deposit Account No. 13-0019. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Docket No. 01722906

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.